

ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a drug product for the prevention, improvement in conditions relating to, and/or treatment of intestinal disease, comprising β (1→3) glucan derived from vegetable material and having a molecular weight of from about 5,000 to about 20,000. The present invention can be widely employed as a drug product for various intestinal diseases, particularly inflammatory bowel disease. The drug product of the present invention has almost no side effects, is highly effective when orally administered, and can be conveniently employed by numerous patients. Furthermore, the drug product of the present invention can be employed in the form of a health food product. The present invention also provides a method of preventing, improving conditions relating to, and/or treating intestinal disease.